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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Telcom providers should not have monopoly power that prevents smaller companies entry into broadband markets. Price hikes need to be managed by the PUC or equally empowered citizen boards to ensure they provide good service and are responsive to customers.

I support local providers such as Century Link and now Sonic in California.

If we do not ensure secure and affordable internet we become a weak nation.

Please do your jobs to entrust affordable, non-compromised internet providers.

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